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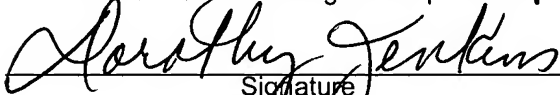
This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted to reduce the number of claims in order to reduce the government filing fee. Applicants have amended the specification to add a cross-reference to a related application.

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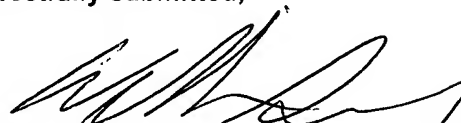
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